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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2003, applicant's attorney hereby elects to prosecute Group I of the restriction, namely claims 1-10 and 13-27.


Furthermore, applicants' attorney provisionally elects Species A: the movable ball shown in Fig. 11. The claims readable thereon include claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27.

It is also understood, in light of the examiner's comments at the bottom of page 3, that claims 1-4 will be included for prosecution now. It is believed that claim 1 in its scope stands independently, and should not be considered to contain any claim elements not literally found in claim 1.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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